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Docket No. 9437Q
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface; said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material; wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of first surfaces and a plurality of second surfaces, each of said first surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, each of said second surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, said proximal end of said first surface contacting said proximal end of said second surface to form a proximal vertex, said distal end of said first surface contacting said distal end of said second surface to form a distal vertex, wherein along the length of the tampon there are multiple widths between a first distal vertex and a second distal vertex, wherein the multiple widths have a stepped transition.

Claim 2. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 3. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are spirally shaped.

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.

Claim 6. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 7. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

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Claim 8. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a horizontal axis, a longitudinal axis, a radial axis, and an outer surface;
said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;
wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of first surfaces and a plurality of second surfaces, each of said first surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, each of said second surfaces having a distal end and a proximal end, said proximal end of said first surface contacting said proximal end of said second surface to form a proximal vertex, said distal end of said first surface contacting said distal end of said second surface to form a distal vertex, wherein along the length of the tampon there are multiple widths between a first distal vertex and a second distal vertex, wherein the multiple widths have a stepped transition.

Claim 11. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 12. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are parallel with said horizontal axis.

Claim 13. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein at least a portion of said distal vertexes are spirally shaped.

Claim 14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross section of the tampon.

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Claim 16. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 17. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

Claim 18. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 19. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 10 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.